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Kids safe after man asks them for help

DARTMOUTH Halifax Regional Police say a man exited his vehicle and asked four children to get in his car and help him look for his missing dog over the weekend.

Police say the incident took place on Herbert Street in Dartmouth at about 11 a m on Saturday

Police say the four children, aged eight to 10, were approached by the man who they say was a stranger. After being asked to get in his car by the unknown man, police say the children ran to one of their homes

Police haven't been able to speak with the man to determine what his intentions were, but credit the children for acting appropriately. None of the children were harmed.

WHAT'S THIS

METRO HALIFAX



A passenger gets off a bus at the Dartmouth Bridge Terminal over the weekend. A new CityThink poll for Metro Halifax shows only 22 per cent of those surveyed ride Metro Transit buses on a weekly basis and 64 per cent never use them at all

no rides the bus

Less than a quarter of HRM residents weekly, new survey finds

ALEX BOUTILIER for Metro Halifax



Fallen soldier repatriated

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Less than 25 per cent of **HRM** residents take advantage of Metro Transit buses more than two or three times a month, according to a new survey for Metro Halifax and the Greater Halifax Partnership.

The majority of respondents — 64 per cent — say they never even ride the bus. The CityThink survey revealed only 22 per cent of residents use buses on a weekly basis.

Craig Wight, senior vicepresident of Bristol Omnifacts Research, which conducted the survey, said he thinks the numbers reflect our dependence on our own vehicles.

"I think people are tak-ing cars too much," he "People could be walkers, and not take public transit, but

I don't think that's really the answer .. I think a lot of our cities here (in Atlantic Canada), we're still too dependent on our own cars and enough public on

transit. "You only need to drive at rush hour

to know that what I'm saving at least has a grain of

Lori Patterson, spokeswoman for Metro Transit,

said she can't speak as to why people aren't taking the bus.

But she said Metro Transit's new fivevear strategic **Survey results** plan, accept-

ed in princi-

pal by Halifax

February, will

attempt to in-

crease ridership by mak-

ing bus travel

more conven-

why we have

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"That

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regional

council

CityThink asked: In a typical month, how often do you ride the bus? Never, 64 per cent

 One day a month, eight per cent Two or three days a

month, five per cent One or two days week,

eight per cent Three or more days a week, 14 per cent

> kind of more ambitious program," she said.

ient.

"So we can work to achieve a higher modal split of people taking transit, and the way you do that is by making it more convenient for the public.

Patterson said that, despite the paltry numbers revealed in the survey, public transit benefits more than those who use

"Often times, the benefits of public transit are not just for those who use the bus," she said.

"The benefits of having a good public transit system are more far reaching for the entire community ... they're providing for less expenditure on road infrastructure, and all those types of things.

CityThink sampled 500 residents of HRM last month, and carries a margin of error of 4.4 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

MORE COVERAGE, PAGE 6

Navy told to hold off on mothballing six of its ships

MILITARY The navy has been told to back off a plan to mothball half its coastal patrol ships.

The head of the armed forces has told his top admiral to rescind an order to pull six of the Kingstonclass ships out of service and wait until a funding review is completed.

Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden wrote a letter to naval staff last month announcing the planned reduction and blaming the cost of upkeep.

But Gen. Walt Natynczyk, chief of the defence staff, now says the ships will stay in service and the military will look at other ways to

ensure funding. "I've asked Admiral Mc-Fadden to rescind his instruction until we can have a look at the amount of resources the Canadian Forces gives him.' Natynczyk said.

He said it's a matter of looking for reallocations throughout the military to meet priorities.

"I'm saying across the Canadian Forces, it's beyond the navy.'

Defence Minister Peter MacKay insists the navy is better funded than ever and has much to be proud of in its 100th year.

Natynczyk said the navy got an extra \$200 million this year, but it is still a challenge to modernize the fleet and train the sailors required.

Three Kingston-class ships in Halifax were to go out of service, and the work of several Halifaxclass frigates was to be scaled back.

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Jazz still in talks with unions

Halifax-based Jazz Air Income Fund said Friday it's still negotiating with several unions, including the pilots association that's planning a strike vote as a step towards a legal walkout as early as mid-June. Jazz pilots announced Thursday they'll take a e vote but federal labour law prevents a strike until after midnight June 12. Jazz CEO Joseph Randall told analysts in a conference call that labour agreements have been reached with some unions but continue at others. METRO HALIFAX

Man charged after car smashes into office building

CRASH A 27-year-old Bedford man has been charged with dangerous driving after a vehicle smashed into a business on the Bedford Highway early yesterday. Halifax Regional Police

say the vehicle was driving at a high rate of speed outbound on the Bedford Highway near Meadowbrook Drive at 12:40 a.m. when it left the road and smashed into a fence and deck of WCL

Bauld Insurance. Police say the man was the only person in the vehicle and was taken to hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Alcohol wasn't a factor in the crash.

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PAUL MCLEOD paul.mcleod@metronews.ca After months of infighting and some passive-aggres-sive backstabbing, Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil

And he made sure his opponents knew it.

came out on top this

weekend.

This issue is behind us and we as a party need not talk about it again," Mc-Neil told a cheering crowd Saturday after winning 83 per cent approval in a leadership review the party's annual general meeting in Antigonish.

McNeil had to fight for that support against a rival camp of Liberals hoping for his ousting. There were also much-publicized anonymous emails and websites belittling him.

But on Saturday McNeil was emboldened. He told reporters he was humbled by the great support and thrilled that the party has overwhelmingly endorsed my leadership.

If any Liberals disagreed, they weren't saying so publicly.

away.

MLAs Diana Whalen,

The party used a contro-

versial trust fund for

decades to help pay for party operations. But that

crashed to a halt last fall

when a new NDP law made

it illegal to use any of that

money for political purpos-



Despite dissent, McNeil still on top

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil hugs a supporter Saturday at the Liberal party annual general meeting in Antigonish after it was announced McNeil had won 83 per cent approval from the party.

Michel Samson and Wayne Gaudet wouldn't endorse McNeil in the run-up to the vote, saying it would be inappropriate to influence rank and file mem-

They still wouldn't say how they voted after the results were in.

"I just think that that is the position I've taken and that's the position I'll stay with," said Whalen, whose

Can't use it, can't give it away: Liberals' \$2M trust fund in limbo

assistant had been tied to an anonymous anti-McNeil email.

"But I'm very pleased with the results. I believe it's a great thing for the party and for the people.'

question "Do you support Stephen McNeil as the Leader of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party?" Yes - 1,982 (83 per cent)

- No 373 (16 per cent)
- Spoiled 20 (one per cent) Total ballots cast: 2,375

party John Gillis said the leadership questions had been hard on McNeil and emphasized the party can now look ahead to upcoming races.

'Caucus members are free to think what they want, say what they want, but the party's 100 per cent behind Stephen," Gillis proclaimed.

In a lively victory speech McNeil also had jabs for the NDP — "They were so anxious to become a government they forgot there was a responsibility with that task" — and the Tories — "They don't even have anyone who's interested in leading their party at this point."

The party must now focus on winning two up-coming byelections in Glace Bay and Yarmouth.

News in brief

SHOOTING There have been no arrests made from a shooting late last week in a Dartmouth neighbourhood. Halifax Regional Police say they were called to the 100 block of Nova Court at about 4:45 a.m. on Friday after witnesses reported multiple shots being fired from a black vehicle feeling the scene. There were no reported injuries but officers discovered a vehicle that had a least one bullet hole in it. Police were on scene much of Friday looking



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for evidence. METRO HALIFAX

more than \$2-million fund, FUNDS The Liberals appear Justice Minister Ross Landry mused "they could donate to have a couple million dollars they can't even give it to charity.

But perhaps not.

Party treasurer David Harris says the Liberal party is governed by two things the provincial Societies Act and the party constitu-

Neither of those documents mention or author-When asked what the ize donating to charity, ac-Liberals could do with the cording to legal advice the

"We've been told we can't just hand this off to whoever we want to."

Liberal party treasurer David Harris

party has received.

For example, the constitution outlines owning, holding, leasing and selling assets to help carry out the objects of the party. But never does it mention, say, giving vast sums of money to the Canadian Red Cross.

"We've been told we can't just hand this off to whoever we want to," Harris said Saturday at the Nova Scotia Liberals annual general meeting in Antigo-

What about setting up a scholarship?

"I suspect that might be construed as political," he said.

The fund was tied to illegal campaign donations in the 1970s, though the party insists all the dirty money was purged from the fund in the 1990s.

New party president John Gillis said Saturday he plans to decide what to do with the fund within the next

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No one injured in downtown restaurant fire

PHILIP CROUCHER philip.croucher@metronews.ca

SPRING GARDEN ROAD A popular downtown Halifax restaurant caught fire early yesterday morning, forcing dozens of people living above the Spring Garden Road location to be evacuated from their residences.

Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency was called to the Saege Bistro at 5885 Spring Garden Rd. at 3 a.m. and upon arrival, saw smoke coming from inside the restaurant.

There was no one inside at the time and the fire was put out quickly.

Tenants from the apartments above the restaurant were evacuated as a safety precaution due to heavy smoke. They were allowed back inside within two hours and Metro Transit was on hand to assist the tenants.

"It wasn't a major blaze at all," said regional fire platoon chief Chuck platoon

Bezanson. "The actual fire damage was limited to the restaurant and one specific area of the restaurant.

"More smoke than fire and more inconvenience

than damage." Bezanson said they're investigating the cause of the fire, but they don't believe it's suspicious in nature.

The restaurant suffered extensive smoke and water damage and is expected to re-open in about two weeks.

Apartment blaze deemed arson

SUSPICIOUS Halifax Regional Police are investigating an arson in Dartmouth.

Police say they responded to a call in the 100 block of Pinecrest Drive in the early morning hours on Friday af ter a fire was set in the hallway of the building.

A resident, police say, woke up and smelled smoke. When she opened her apartment door, she saw a small fire. From there, she went to a neighbour's home and called 911.

Police say firefighters

Information

• Anyone with information on the fire is asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

were called to the scene and put out the blaze, which they deemed suspi-cious. There was minimal damage, but police say there was a lot of smoke in the hallway which had to be ventilated.

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Man faces DUI charge after collision

A man is facing charges of impaired driving after police say the car he was driving smashed head-on into another car on Lady Hammond Road early yesterday morning. Air bags were deployed from both vehicles and neither the man nor the female driver of the other car was injured. METRO HALIFAX

Fond farewell for slain sailor

Friends and family filled an aircraft hangar overlooking the Halifax harbour Friday to remember a Canadian sailor known for his appetite for life and devotion to the two young sons he's left behind.

More than 1,000 people gathered at 12 Wing Shearwater to pay tribute to Petty Officer 2nd Class Craig Blake, Canada's first sailor to die in the Afghanistan conflict.

conflict.

The 37-year-old clearance diver was killed May
3 by an improvised explosive device after he had defused another makeshift bomb, the insurgents' weapon of choice in the country.

Chris Blake said his younger brother had boundless energy, whether he was rocketing down a bike trail or sitting on the bottom of the ocean tinkering with unexploded munitions.

"That was him — always pushing himself for both

Sports lover

 Cmdr. Garrett Reddy spoke of how Craig Blake's love of sports led him to compete in marathons and triathlons, and become a coach for his son's hockey and baseball teams.

the thrills and the pure enjoyment," he told the hushed crowd as light streamed in through the hangar's tall doors.

"When he decided to

"When he decided to join the navy, Craig was very certain and excited about his decision. He explained he didn't want to be bored in a regular job—he wanted more out of life."

The native of Simcoe, Ont., had been in the military for almost 19 years and a member of the Maritime Forces Atlantic Fleet Diving Unit for the last 10.

Colleagues said he loved the work and formed a strong fraternity with the



A Canadian flag is placed next to a photo of Petty Officer Second Class Craig Blake during a memorial service held on Friday at CFB Shearwater. Blake was killed by an IED while serving in Afghanistan on May 3.

unit's 50-odd clearance divers who specialized in defusing underwater explosives.

gleaming silver-

coloured dive helmet sat at the front of the hangar, along with an urn containing Blake's remains, his service medals and a picture of the sailor smiling in a dusty Afghan field.

Blake's widow Priscilla and his two sons, six-yearold Tie and Cain, 14, sat in the front row as hundreds of military personnel in dress uniform lined the perimeter of the sprawling building. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

DUI Nova Scotia is backing proposed changes to the country's impaired driving laws, including one that would allow police to randomly request breath-screening samples. In its response to a federal discussion paper, the province also supports the idea of increasing penalties for repeat offenders. The paper was sent to all provinces and territories for their feedback. The government says impaired driving is one of the leading factors in fatal road accidents. In 2009, the province says there were 18 fatalities in Nova Scotia involving impaired driv-THE CANADIAN PRESS

CRIME RATE Crime is up by three per cent in the first quarter of this year to last, according to statistics released by Halifax Regional Police. The figures show 6,458 charges laid from January through March, up from 6,260 in the first three months of

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Shopping Centre Horse cut



Const. Chris Marinelli gives Sarge the police horse a shave during the Hair for Heroes event at the Halifax Shopping Centre on Saturday. Sarge joined dozens of police officers and citizens in getting their hair cut during the fundraiser for the Daniel McLellan Memorial Fund which helps Atlantic Canadian families who have children suffering from leukemia.

Site options for iail down to three

PRISON It will likely be another three weeks before the decision on the site of a new \$31-million provincial jail is made.

Justice Minister Ross Landry said his department has narrowed the site options to three locations — one in Pictou County, one in the Antigonish area and the other in the Truro area — out of the initial eight options the province was considering. "We're now looking at one site to see if it meets all our final needs," Landry said. "If the first site doesn't, we'll move on to looking at the second site."

He anticipates an announcement could be made within the next two to three weeks.

The new facility is expected to cost about \$31 million to construct.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Province, Dalhousie med school strike deal on \$2.5M budget cut

poirits The Nova Scotia government has reached a deal with Dalhousie medical school over a \$2.5-million cut in its 2010-11 budget, Education Minister Marilyn More announced Friday.

Thousie University

Dalhousie University will receive \$1.4 million, with the remaining \$1.1 million subject to a joint review by the school and the province.

"Originally \$1.4 million had been designated for post-graduate medical seats, and we agreed with Dalhousie and the medical school that would be an unfair reduction," said More

The minister said the root of the problem lay in confusion about funding arrangements between the

university and government. A long-standing and complex multi-level agreement about the funding growth of medical training seats had both the departments of Health and Education making payments to the university and the medical school.

"Because of that complexity no one is sure who is paying what, using what formula," explained More.
"We're committed to clarifying that process ... so that
everyone can agree on
what it costs to train a
physician at the Dalhousie
medical school."

Dr. Preston Smith, a

Dr. Preston Smith, a medical school spokesman, said he was happy to see the issue moving toward resolution. School officials have unof the multi-year program because some accreditors felt there were deficiencies. The school was placed on probation after the Liason Committee on Medical Education, a U.S. based accrediting body, found 10 alleged flaws, seven of which the school said have been successfully appealed.

dertaken a major overhaul

Report to come

 The joint committee will, among other things, examine the appropriate amount to cover the cost of a training seat at the medical school. A report that will be reviewed by an external auditor is expected this summer.



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Sixty-nine per cent of those surveyed in the CityThink poll say they don't use a taxi in a typical month. Another 15 per cent say they use a taxi once. Only one per cent say they use a taxi three or more times a week. METRO HALIFAX



Support strong for rail, ferry service

Poll results come as Metro Transit assesses new forms of public transit

ALEX BOUTILIER

HRM residents' interest in alternative forms of public transportation is strong, according to a new poll done for Metro Halifax and the Greater Halifax Partnership.

A whopping 81 per cent of respondents in the CityThink survey said they either support or strongly support using HRM's rail lines as a form of public transit. The creation of a high-speed ferry transit between Halifax and Bedford had slightly less support, but still came in a clear majority at 65 per cent.

Craig Wight, senior vice-president at Bristol Omnifacts Research, said while the support seems overwhelmingly positive, there is another side to the issue.

"I think there's a support side, and yes, clearly people support it," said Wight. "There's obviously an economic side as well. And that's a different issue; I might like something, but realize we can't really do it or we can't afford it or we need to do it a different way.



Passengers head across the harbour aboard a Metro Transit ferry on Saturday. A new CityThink poll for Metro Halifax shows HRM residents are very much open to new forms of transit, other than buses or the ferry.

"But obviously the interest is there.

Metro Transit is currently in the process of assessing the viability of both light rail and fast ferry transit, according spokeswoman Lori Patter-

"We are currently com-

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a feasibility pleting ... a feasibility study that looks at all of the opportunities to provide transit," she said. "Whether it be through rail, commuter rail, feror more buses ... we're looking at the cost effectiveness of all those modes."

Patterson said once the study is complete, it will

be presented to HRM regional council for approval. While no date has been set for the completion of the report, she expects it will come before council in late June.

Light rail and highspeed ferries were not in"Whether it be through rail, commuter rail, ferries or more buses ... we're looking at the cost effectiveness of all those modes."

Lori Patterson. Metro Transit

sive report on Metro Transit's five-vear strategic plan, which was approved in principal by council in February. Patterson said the feeling was they merited their own study.

"(The strategic plan) was fairly comprehensive in looking at the existing service," she said. "But there were a few things that were not included because they were deemed that they should have a study of their own to look at them more closely.

CityThink sampled 500 residents of HRM last month, and carries a margin of error of 4.4 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

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Majority backs higher costs for improved bus system

ALEX BOUTILIER

FARES While only 35 per cent of HRM residents are using Metro Transit buses, those that do would be willing to pay more for a better system.

Of those respondents in the CityThink survey that do ride the bus, 66 per cent said they'd be somewhat or very willing to pay more money per trip for an improved bus sys-

"That's good to hear," iid Lori Patterson, Patterson, said spokeswoman for Metro Transit. "We're certainly getting lots more support from our regional council and everywhere in the past few years, because

"We're certainly getting lots more support from our regional council and everywhere in the past few years, because people have started to realize that (public transit is) part of what a healthy community consists of."

Lori Patterson, Metro Transit

people have started to re- is) part of what a healthy alize that (public transit community consists of."

But Patterson said the question puts Metro Transit in somewhat of a bind - people will pay for better service, but better service cannot be provided until people pay.

"People want the transit system to be more convenient, and they say that they would pay more for it," said Patterson. "It's said Patterson.

can't provide it until we get more money to provide the services

Another wrinkle Patterson mentioned is that fare boxes only provide a fraction of Metro Transit's operating costs.

"We can't provide the service just from the revenue that's generated from the fare box," said

Results from the CityThink survey on public transportation in HRM

survey CityThink sampled 500 residents of HRM last month and carries a margin or error of 4.4 per cent, 19 times out

To which extent do you support or oppose each of the following potential public transit services?

a) HRM using rail lines as a form of public transit service

- Strongly support 40%
- Support 41% • Neutral – 2%
- Oppose 12%
- Strongly oppose 4%
- Don't know 1%

b) Creating a high-speed ferry transit service between Bedford and Hali-

- Strongly support 21% Support 44%
- Neutral 3%
- Oppose 18% Strongly oppose – 13%
- Don't know 1%

2In a typical month, how often do you ride the bus?

- Never 64%
- One day a month 8%
- Two or three days a month – 5%
- One or two days week -
- Three or more days a

week - 14%

If you use public tran-sit, how willing would you be to pay more money per trip for an improved bus system?

- Very willing 13% Somewhat willing – 53% Somewhat unwilling -
- Very unwilling 18% Don't know/Refused –

In a typical month, how many rides do you take in a taxi?

- None 69%
- One 15%

Two or three – 10%

- One or two a week 3% • Three or more a week -
- One or two a year 1%
- Don't know 1%

Are you aware that a taxi company from Dartmouth cannot pick up passengers in Halifax, and vice versa?

- Yes 62%
- No 38%
- Don't know 1%

6 If this regulation was not in place, would you ride in a taxi more, less or about the same as you do now?

More – 8%

• About the same - 86% • Less - 1%

Don't know – 4%

• Refused to answer - 1%

Over the past 12 months, have you been to Halifax Interna-

- tional Airport? Yes – 82%
- No 18%

Still thinking about the past 12 months, overall, how would you rate your experiences at Halifax International Airport?

- Excellent 45%
- Good 46%

- Fair 6%
- Poor 3%

b) (If answer was fair or poor) What is the main reason for your evaluation?

- Problems with parking 42%
- Security check issues -
- Poor luggage service -
- · Airport has a bad layout - 17% Flights cancelled, de-
- layed 11%
- Crime/theft 3% • Don't know - 3%
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HALIFAX

A team of researchers from the University of Guelph in Ontario will study the feet

Canada

of astronauts who take part in upcoming space missions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Woman sues Rogers for exposing affair

Claims invasion of privacy, breach of contract

A Toronto woman says the billing practices of Rogers Wireless Inc. led to her husband discovering her extramarital affair.

Now the woman, whose husband walked out, is suing the communications giant for \$600,000 for alleged invasion of privacy and breach of contract, the results of which she says

have ruined her life. In 2007, Gabriella Nagy had a cellphone account with Rogers, which sent the monthly bill to her home address in her maiden name. Her husband was the account holder for the family's cable TV service at the same address. Around June 4, 2007, he called Rogers to add Internet and home phone.

The following month, Rogers mailed a "global" invoice for all of its services to the matrimonial home that included an itemized bill for Nagy's cellular service, according to the statement of claim filed in Ontario Superior

Statements

 According to the statement of claim, which has not been proven in court, "The husband used the previously private and confidential information that the defendant unilaterally disclosed to the husband to inquire about the people that the plaintiff was telephoning and the nature of such calls." The statement alleges Rogers "unilaterally terminated its cellular contract with the

Court of Justice. When Nagy's husband opened the Rogers invoice, he saw several hour-long phone calls to a single phone number.

"Nobody does business this way and he's not stupid," says Nagy, who is in her 30s. He called the number, spoke to the "third party" who confirmed the affair, which had lasted only a few plaintiff that had been in her maiden name and included it in the husband's account that was under his surname.

 In a statement of defence, Rogers denies it terminated the contract and says the company "cannot be held responsible for the condition of the marriage, for the plaintiff's affair and consequential marriage breakup, nor the effects the break-up has had on her.

weeks, Nagy said.

"My husband didn't tell me that's how he found out, he just left."

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News in brief

POLL Prime Minister Stephen Harper's much-vaunted maternal health initiative that was meant to galvanize next month's G8 summit is now causing some queasiness among Canadians and internationally. A new poll suggests that a majority of Canadians opposes the prime minister's refusal to fund safer abortions in developing countries, even as international concern grows about the state of his G8 maternal health initiative. The Canadian Press-Harris Decima poll found that 58 per cent of respondents oppose Harper's exclusion of abortion funding **COURTS** Convicted terrorist Momin Khawaia is such a danger to society that anything less than a life sentence is too lenient, Crown lawyers will arque before Ontario's highest court as Khawaia asks to be set free. Ontario's Court of Appeal is set to hear three days of arguments, starting tomorrow, on both Khawaia's appeal and the government's crossappeal. Khawaja was convicted

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of five charges under Canada's

anti-terror laws.

Ottawa **DIY delivery**



In comfort of the Ottawa Hospital's Mother-Baby Unit yesterday, Jessica Maclean and Richard Hough recount how they delivered Steven James Hough on the side of a road Saturday while a paramedic gave directions over the phone.

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Deadly weekend for cyclists in Quebec

A day after three cyclists were killed in Quebec when a pickup truck plowed into them, another cyclist lost his life on Saturday. A 57-year-old man died after being hit by a car near Val-Morin, Que., some 90 kilometres northwest of Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Series of fires set near, inside Calgary schools

MYSTERY Arson investigators are trying to smoke out who is behind a rash of blazes in a southeast Calgary neighbourhood early Saturday morning, including two inside a school.

Firefighters were kept hopping for hours dealing with a string of fires.

Battalion chief Steve Wilson said crews were first called to Father James Whelihan School around 2:30 a.m. where they discovered a dumpster had been set ablaze. They found another dumpster on fire outside Midsun Junior High School.

About an hour later, firefighters discovered that fires had been set in two classrooms at the nearby Fish Creek Elementary School but they were extinguished by the sprinkler system, said fire battalion chief Steve Wilson.

Investigators are now on the hunt for an arsonist who may be responsible for the fires, said Brad Weinberger of the police arson unit.

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Six years after RCMP raid, B.C. corruption trial begins

COURTS It has been more than six years since uniformed RCMP officers armed with search warrants entered British Columbia's ornate legislature building and carted away heavy boxes laden with confidential documents.

Today, voters may finally get some answers about the unprecedented search as a trial gets underway for three government employees accused of corruption.

"It's a long time ago, but it remains significant in the minds of the B.C. public, in large part because of the very powerful imagery of the raid," said Norman Ruff, a political science professor emeritus with the University of Victoria.

"I can't think of any other legislature that's had that kind of experience."

When the smoke had cleared, former ministerial aides Bobbi Virk and Dave Basi stood charged with fraud, breach of trust and accepting bribes.

Their offices were searched because of allega-

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"We're not looking at drunk driving here, we're looking at corruption of public policy, and that goes to the heart of government and democratic policy making."

Norman Ruff, political science professor

tions the pair had leaked information about the \$1-billion sale of Crown-owned B.C. Rail to Canadian National in exchange for money and other benefits.

Basi had worked for then-finance minister Gary Collins, and Virk's job was in then-transportation minister Judith Reid's office. Basi's cousin, Aneal Basi, a communications officer, is charged with money laundering.

The Crown alleges that Basi and Virk peddled private government documents related to the privatization sale to a lobbyist for Denver-based Omni-Trax, one of three bidders vying for the corporation.

All three men pleaded not guilty before Supreme Court Judge Anne MacKenzie in late April, when a jury panel of five women and seven men was selected.

Since charges were laid, the case has trundled along the justice system as lawyers sought almost a million pages in disclosure documents.

Ruff said the outcome of the trial could have implications for the administration of Premier Gordon Campbell.

"We're not looking at drunk driving here, we're looking at corruption of public policy, and that goes to the heart of government and democratic policy making," Ruff said.

No one from the B.C. Liberal party would comment.

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Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean shares some words with Pte. Jesse Gerard, who was the escort officer for the casket carrying the remains of Pte. Kevin McKay at CFB Trenton yesterday during a repatriation ceremony on the tarmac at the military base.

Fallen soldier returns home

144th to die in Afghanistan

It should have been a happier homecoming, but some troops returning home from Afghanistan yesterday were down a comrade.

The body of Pte. Kevin McKay, the latest soldier to die in Afghanistan, arrived at CFB Trenton aboard a military transport plane that was also carrying a contingent of about 100 troops returning from their deployment.

The strains of a bagpiper's soulful lament floated on the sunny afternoon air as McKay's mother wept at the sight of her son's coffin being lowered into a hearse.

into a hearse.

McKay's father, a captain with the Toronto Fire Service, remained stoic while family members laid single red roses on his son's flagdraped casket. McKay was killed by a roadside bomb on Thursday while on foot patrol southwest of Kandahar city. His first tour in Afghanistan was due to end this weekend.

The 24-year-old was with the Edmonton-based 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and was a native of the north Toronto suburb of Richmond Hill.

Gov. Gen. Michaelle Jean and Defence Minister Peter MacKay were among the dignitaries present at the repatriation ceremony.

Jean stopped to speak to the officer who escorted the casket back to Canada before walking among the newly arrived troops, giving a warm hug to every soldier.

MacKay was right behind her with a firm handshake and words of welcome for members of the contingent fresh from the battlezone in their sand-coloured fatigues.

McKay's casket was later driven along the "Highway of Heroes" — the stretch of Highway 401 from Trenton to Toronto.

McKay was described as a soldier's soldier defined by his toughness, courage and quick wit. He is the sixth member of the Canadian military to die in Afghanistan this year, and the 144th to die as part of the Afghan mission since it began in 2002.

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15-year-old Jill MacDonald from Halifax, Nova Scotia, suffered a spinal cord injury from a bleed on the spinal cord. After emergency surgery and months of paralysis, Jill continues to show determination and strength well beyond her years. Meet Jill and other Maritime children cared for by the IWK Health Centre on the 26th annual IWK Telethon, June 5th and 6th, on CTV. with you anything is possible E E 7 - 26 M for Children To make a gift to the IWK Telethon for Children, or to find more information on the weekend's activities June 5th and 6th 2010 in your area, please visit www.iwkfoundation.org or call 1.800.595.2266

News in brief

BURNOUT Chaplains in the Canadian military are suffering high levels of burnout and many are at risk of developing disorders like depression, according to documents that blame heavy workloads and compassion fatigue. Officials link the elevated stress to the

prolonged surge in operational tempo, staff shortages and the strain of tending to families of soldiers killed or injured overseas. The Chaplain General's office has submitted a strategic plan to the chief of military personnel on how to deal with the issue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A nun and administrator at a Catholic hospital in Phoenix has been reassigned and rebuked by the local bishop for agreeing that a severely ill woman needed an abortion to survive. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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World



Accused spy released by Iran

A 24-year-old French academic who battled spying charges in Iran for more than 10 months returned to France yesterday and thanked officials for insisting on her innocence and pressing for her release. Clotilde Reiss, left, was convicted of provoking unrest and spying, but her lawyer said the 10-year jail term was commuted to a fine of \$300,000 US.

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Cellphone-brain cancer link inconclusive: Study

Cellphone users worried about getting brain cancer aren't off the hook vet.

A major international study into the link between cellphone use and two types of brain cancer has proved inconclusive, according to a report due to be published in a medical journal tomorrow.

A 10-year survey of almost 13,000 participants found most cellphone use didn't increase the risk of developing meningioma—a common and frequently benign tumour— or glioma—a rarer but deadlier form of cancer.

There were "suggestions" that using cell-phones for more than 30 minutes each day could increase the risk of glioma, according to the study by the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer. But the authors added that "biases and error prevent a causal interpretation" that would directly blame radiation for the tumour

A lot's changed since 2000

• The authors of the study said further investigation is necessary before they can conclude with certainty that there is no link between cell-

Longer call times appeared to pose a greater risk than the number of calls made, the study found.

Among the factors that weren't examined were the effects of using handsfree devices during calls or the risk of having cellphones close by while not making calls — such as in a pocket, or next to the bed at night.

The authors acknowledged possible inaccuracies in the survey from the fact that participants were asked to remember how much and on which ear they used their mobiles over the past decade. Results for some groups showed cellphone use actually appeared to lessen the risk of developing cancers, something the researchers

phone radiation and brain cancer, partly because people's use of the devices has changed considerably since the start of the study in 2000.

described as "implausible." The paper, which will be

published in the International Journal of Epidemiology, was compiled by researchers in 13 countries including Canada, Britain, France, Germany and Japan, but not the U.S.

Scientists interviewed 12,848 participants, of which 5,150 had either meningioma or glioma tumors.

In a statement yesterday, the Mobile Manufacturers Forum welcomed the study

"The mobile phone industry takes all questions regarding the safety of mobile phones seriously and has a strong commitment to supporting ongoing scientific research," the industry group said.

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Thailand Praying for end to violence



Thai Buddhist monks gather yesterday at Victory Monument in Bangkok to chant prayers for peace. Thailand imposed a curfew and sent Red Cross workers to evacuate women and children from Bangkok's deadly protest zone where 30 people have been killed in four days of street battles between anti-government demonstrators and troops. Thailand's government has rejected an offer from protest leaders to take part in UN-mediated peace talks.

News in brief

CATHOLIC CHURCH The Vatican today will make its most detailed argument yet for why it isn't liable for bishops who allowed priests to molest children in the U.S. The Associated Press has learned that in a motion to dismiss a lawsuit in

Kentucky, the Holy See is expected to argue that a key Vatican document calling for secrecy in church trials for sex abuse cases was not, as victims' lawyers say, evidence of a coverup.

GULF OF MEXICO In a step to-

ward containing a massive Gulf oil leak, BP said a mile-long tube was funnelling crude yesterday from a blown well to a tanker ship after three days of wrestling to get the stopgap measure into place on the

Australia **Around the world at 16**



Sixteen-year-old Jessica Watson sails past the finish line in Sydney Harbour Saturday, capping off a 23,000-nautical-mile voyage. Watson is now the youngest person to sail solo, nonstop and unassisted around the world.

California parole ruse nets 81 violators

OAKLAND California corrections officials dangled an attractive offer Saturday before hundreds of parolees who have become fugitives: Turn yourself in, get a \$200 reward and qualify for an amnesty program.

Authorities said 81 who showed up in Oakland were sorry they did. Instead of getting a

Instead of getting a cheque, they soon found themselves in handcuffs and, for most, headed back to state prison for violating their parole.

Agents set up the ruse with its own website and email account. They appointed an agent to the fictitious post of "amnesty program director." They sent 2,700 letters to relatives of parolees-at-large advertising the reward and fake amnesty program.

The sting was aimed at some of the more than 14,000 California ex-convicts who broke off contact with their parole agents, are suspected of committing new crimes or of violating terms of their parole.

Seven fugitives who had received the letters were arrested before Saturday, including one who flew in from Tonga, when they arrived at the office to take advantage of the amnesty, he said.

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Ask tough questions



ardly a day goes by without encountering information on a report, poll or survey. Whether it is about the health of our city, or our own personal health care, it generally contains some data that makes us believe in one view over

Many of us are guilty of simply taking the informa-tion at face value. What we read, see or hear must be the truth. We believe the information we're provided has already been evaluated. But has it?

It's important that we stop for a moment and evaluate the information we receive. We can start by asking ourselves some questions on what we've Does the report/poll/survey provide expert opinion from people who were

not involved "It's important that in the study? Who has paid we stop for a for the study?
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clear on who

has paid for the study and why, the next area we need to look at is the information itself. Is the information provided from both sides of the issue? Are the results provided in con-

In the case of a poll or survey, it's important to look at who answered questions. Is the group that answered reflective of the population as a whole or just a particular group of people? The sample that takes the questions can

make a big difference on the answers.

For inpreviously considered a good method to elicit responses from a large number of random people. How-

many people opting to only have cellphones (numbers not listed in the phone book, and numbers polling companies are not permitted to call), are their views also being represented?

Lastly, how people ask questions can also impact the results. For example,

when questions contain words that provide visual images to the person being surveyed, they tend to lead the participant to the answer they want to hear. For instance, the question: "How fast were the cars going when they hit each other?" would elicit a different response then, "How fast were the cars going when they smashed into each other?" The more descriptive the words used in the question, the more vivid the image becomes in the mind of the participant, and the more extreme the answer.

This week, I challenge everyone reading this column to question something and run it through your own evaluation besimply believing everything you hear.

Christina Carew is a member of FUSION Halifax. Visit FUSIONHalifax.ca to find out how you can get involved to help make Halifax a better place to live, work and play.

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Noteworthy

Pesticides in foods may contribute to ADD: Study

A new analysis of U.S. health data links children's attention-deficit disorder with exposure to common pesticides used on fruits and vegetables.

While the study couldn't prove that pesticides used in agriculture contribute to childhood learning problems, experts said the research is persuasive.

"I would take it quite seriously," said Virginia Rauh of Columbia University, who has studied prenatal exposure to pesticides and wasn't involved in the new study. More research will be needed to confirm the tie, she said.

Children may be especially prone to the health risks of pesticides because

they're still growing and they may consume more pesticide residue than adults relative to their

body weight.

In the body, pesticides break down into compounds that can be measured in urine. Almost universally, the study found detectable levels: The compounds turned up in the urine of 94 per cent of the

children.
The kids with higher levels had increased chances of having ADHD, attentiondeficit hyperactivity disorder, a common problem that causes students to have trouble in school. The findings were published today in Pediatrics.

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Worth mentioning

Canadians want Jean to remain GG: Poll

Canadians still like having Michaëlle Jean as their defacto head of state, a new poll suggests. With Stephen Harper

preparing to replace the Haiti-born, fluently bilingual Jean as Governor General, almost half of Canadians asked say they would prefer it if the prime minister reappointed her to another five-year term.

The latest opinion sampling from Harris Decima for The Canadian Press finds that 58 per cent of respondents believe Jean has done either an excellent or good job as Governor General. Only five per cent think she has performed poorly.

Similarly, 47 per cent believe Harper should appoint her to another term, as opposed to 36 per cent who believe he should find someone new.

The results have not

changed much from the last time Harris Decima asked the question in April, indicating that opinions about Jean are fairly entrenched.

Pollster Doug Anderson said Canadians likely don't spend a lot of time thinking about the perform-ance of the viceregal, what thev know about Jean they have generally liked. Still. he said

it would be a mistake to say Canadians are clamouring for her reappointment.

"I don't think people have a very high expecta-tion for that role," he said. "But for all the things that people know that she did,

they feel she was probably doing her best and being a good person in that role." The survey of 1,000 was conducted between May 6 and 9 and is considered accurate plus or mi-nus 3.1 percentage points,

times out of The

> Michaëlle Jean

sue has become somewhat a controversial topic since Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff revealed that Harper had asked his opinion on the matter and he advised him to keep her on.

Canadians are not so sure making the advice public was such a wise move on the part of the Liberal leader — 39 per cent said it was appropriate and 43 per cent said it wasn't.

Anderson found that how Canadians split on this question largely depended on whether they support Jean's reappoint-ment, and whether they were Conservative or Liberal backers.

Jean's term officially ends on Sept. 27, but there is speculation the prime minister wants to install a new viceregal in time for the Queen's visit to Canada THE CANADIAN PRESS in Iuly.

Quote of the Day

"It appears that the general sentiment of most Canadians is to have a maternal health policy that includes funding for abortion."

— HARRIS-DECIMA VICE-PRESIDENT MEGAN TAM AFTER A NEW CANADIAN PRESS-HARRIS DECIMA POLL FOUND THAT 58 PER CENT OF RESPONDENTS OP-POSE STEPHEN HARPER'S EXCLUSION OF ABORTION PUNDING IN HIS DRIVE TO IMPROVE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH IN POOR COUNTRIES.

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Going Green

Plundered planet

How can poor countries escape the cycle of environmental degradation and poverty? The book Plundered Planet argues that technological innovation, environmental protection are key to ensuring equitable development.

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Going solar made simple

Price of panels dropping as use becoming more widespread

BEN KNIGHT

Electricity bills are rising. Power use is an eternal issue. Maybe you're curious about solar power, but think converting your house is too big — and too expensive — a job.

Not so, says Michael Boxwell, author of The Solar Electricity Handbook.

"The best way is to start small, and build up," Boxwell says. "I've got a house that gets very little direct sunlight. So putting a solar panel system in, that costs tens of thousands of dollars, would be crazy. But putting in enough solar power just to run the lighting in the house: that's easy. Get

started with something like that. And if you like it, you can put more panels in and power more things."

The actual cost can be surprisingly low.
"I spent about \$150-

"I spent about \$150-\$200, and I've got a basic system. I'm doing a little bit to reduce my carbon footprint, and in case there's a power failure, I've still got lights on."

Not only will every solar panel reduce your energy bill and footprint, Boxwell says the very act of generating your own power greatly increases your green awreness as well

greatly increases your green awareness, as well.
"When you generate your own power, your much more aware of what you're using. You become aware that your television



and your computer are taking power if they are left on. You start becoming a lot more energy-conscious if you've got a couple of solar panels on the roof."

And if you want to go entirely solar — get your house off the electrical grid completely — it's not as difficult as you think.

"It's not a big job," Boxwell says, reassuringly. "If you're comfortable with do-it-yourself and electrics, you could probably do it in two or three days. But you do need a

house where you've got a clear view of the sun yearround. You need a southfacing roof or other surface where you can put a large number of panels."

Perhaps the best news? The price of solar technology is plummeting.

"The glass they use for the solar panels is the same glass they use for flat-screen TVs. Because those have become wide-spread in the past few years, the cost of actually manufacturing this glass comes right down. They're even now able to make solar panels by printing silicon onto sheets of plastic. It's going to be so cheap you'll have solar panels on the back of cell phones, so they self-charge."

Tips and info

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(Friday's close)

Public hearings are being held this week in Montana to discuss a plan to build a pipeline through eastern Montana to move crude extracted from Canada's oilsands to refineries in the United States. Calgary-based TransCanada Corp. aims to start construction this year on the 1,980-mile Keystone XL pipeline. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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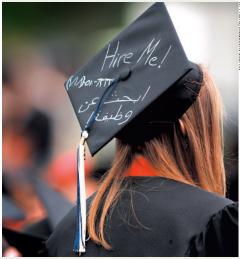
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Job search **Never too early**



A student with "Hire Me!" written on her cap is seen during George Washington University's commencement ceremony on the National Mall in Washington, yesterday.

Google apologizes over privacy

Germany's consumer protection minister strongly criticized Google for a widespread privacy breach and insisted Saturday the U.S. Internet giant co-operate better with data protection authorities.

Google Inc. issued an apology Friday, acknowledging it has been vacuuming up fragments of people's online activities broadcast over public Wi-Fi networks for the past four years.

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Newspapers more trusted

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(Friday's close)

Survey shows all ages believe print over online media

Despite the growing popularity of online information, newspapers in their traditional printed form are among the most trusted sources of information, says a lead-

ing pollster.
Citing the results of a three-country survey of consumers in Canada, the U.S., and the U.K., Angus Reid said print newspa-pers are highly trusted even among young adults,

aged 18 to 34.
"Print newspapers have a very large trust level. Your challenge is leveraging that trust in the new media," Reid told a na-tional conference of the Canadian

"Print newspapers

Newspaper Association Toronto have a very large on Friday.

trust level." Looking only at re- Angus Reid, sults for the U.S. and pollster

per cent of young adults trust print media, roughly the same percentage as adults of all ages, said Reid, who is chief executive officer of online mar-

Family first, blogs last

 Among consumers of all ages surveyed, family and friends were the most trusted source of information, at 78 per cent and 68 per cent respectively, followed by radio at 45 per cent, print newspapers at 41 per cent, online news sites at 39 per cent, television at 31 per cent, print magazines at 28 per cent and finally online social networks and blogs, at 13 per cent and eight per cent respectively. The data is based on a survey of 2,018 people in March.

ket research firm Vision Critical.

The results defy conventional belief that younger adults "are lost to newspa-pers," said Reid, whose media clients include the York Times, BBC New

World News and the Toronto Star. Reid said techniques in market

search have changed dramatically since

founded his first firm, Angus Reid Group, 40 years ago. The firm was sold to Paris-based Ipsos in 2000 and renamed Ipsos Reid, although he is no longer

involved.

He recalled in the early davs consumers welcomed market searchers homes. Now, most research is conducted online, he said. "The telephone polling business will not exist 10 years from now," Reid predicted. Technology

cut the has time and cost of conducting and completing research, he said. In 1969, a national survey took three months to complete, he said. Now it

takes one day. In 1969, it

cost \$300 per interview to

conduct a survey. Now it costs \$3, he said.

But he said it is becoming harder to find people willing to participate in market surveys.

Vision Critical has dehundreds veloped 'panels" of people willing to participate in multiple surveys, for which they are paid \$1 to \$4 per survey, he said. The company, which last year had revenues of \$70 million, finds them by advertising online.

Despite changes in the technology, he says the fundamentals of good research have not changed. They include selecting the right people and asking the right questions.

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Inuit object to planned 'test' oil spill

ENVIRONMENT Inuit leaders are concerned over federal plans to dump crude oil into northern waters next to a proposed marine conservation area so scientists can test new ways of cleaning up Arctic oil spills.

'We don't want this project," said John Amagoalik, manager of lands for the Qikiqtani Inuit Association.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has asked a northern regulatory board to approve a plan to dump up to 1,200 litres of oil into Lancaster Sound on the Northwest Passage.

The tests would involve using a Coast Guard vessel to release 12 oil spills, each up to 100 litres. All slicks would be monitored by helicopter and oil would be cleaned up one way or another.

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The Orlando Magic finally met their match in the playoffs. Ray Allen scored 25 points, Paul Pierce had 22 and the Boston Celtics used smothering defence to beat the Magic 92-88 yesterday in the Eastern Conference finals opener. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Nadal sets record

Rafael Nadal won a record 18th Masters title by beating Roger Federer 6-4, 7-6 (5) in the Madrid final yesterday. Nadal, left, reversed the result of the 2009 final — the last time the pair had played against each other — to win in Madrid for a second time and move one Masters title ahead of Andre Agassi and two in front of Federer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Philadelphia Flyer Braydon Coburn prepares to score a goal against Montreal Canadiens goalie Jaroslav Halak in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference Finals last night in Philadelphia.

anadiens crushed

(Philly leads series 1-0)

Canadiens O Flyers 6





James van Riemsdyk, **Daniel Briere and Simon** Gagne scored in the second period and Michael Leighton made 27 saves for his first career playoff shutout as the Philadelphia Flyers opened the NHL Eastern Conference final with a 6-0 rout of the Montreal Canadiens last night.

The Flyers chased goaltender Jaroslav Halak midway through the second after four goals on only 13 shots, which had the orange-clad Flyers mocking the Canadiens by chanting "U-S-A" and singing the "Ole Ole" celebration song, a favourite of Montreal fans.

Scott Hartnell Claude Giroux added goals in the third against backup goalie Carey Price, who faced 12 shots.

Braydon Coburn opened the scoring in the first pe-

The Flyers lead the best-

of-seven series 1-0 with Game 2 set for tomorrow night at the Wachovia Cen-

As in their 6-3 loss to Pittsburgh in the opening game of the conference semifinal, the listless-looking Canadiens were outhustled, and they did not get their usual stellar goaltending.
The Flyers ended up

looking much like Montreal did through two rounds - blocking shots, allowing few clear chances on Leighton and making the most of the chances they THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wheat Kings thump winless Wildcats

MEMORIAL CUP Two days after they were blown out in their own arena, the Brandon Wheat Kings rolled back into contention at the MasterCard Memorial Cup with a 4-0 win over the Moncton Wildcats yester-

Forward Toni Rajala scored a pair for the Wheat Kings, who won a game at the Canadian junior championship tournament for the first time in 14 years. Jacob De Serres recorded the shutout for Brandon, whose grateful fans waved yellow towels above their heads for the final minute of regulation.

The Wheat Kings have never won the tournament, despite having made four appearances before this year. The team came closest 31 years ago, when a roster stocked with future

Up next

Moncton plays Windsor at 9 p.m. tomorrow.

NHLers such as Brian Propp and Brad McCrimmon lost the championship game in overtime to Peterborough.

The franchise had not won a game at the event since 1996.

Brandon and Moncton opened the tournament with the kind of losses that fuel the eternal debate: Is it more painful to get blown out — defeat by a thousand cuts - or is it worse to be undone by a single, critical bad bounce?

The Wheat Kings were blasted from the ice in the opening game on Friday, falling 9-3 to the defending champion Windsor Spitfires. Windsor was only two goals shy of matching a single-game tournament record for the most goals scored by one team.

Moncton lost the following afternoon in a manner equally as shocking. The Wildcats let a 3-0 lead dissolve in the third period of their game against the Calgary Hitmen, falling 5-4 after a funny hop along the boards led to the decisive goal with 78 seconds left.

goaltender Wildcats Nicola Riopel was still grappling with the turn of events more than a halfhour after the game. He had watched the replay, but could not figure out how a basic shot around the end boards bounced out of the corner and into his crease, costing his team the game.

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Sports in brief

IIHF Canada saw another tepid start turn into a 3-1 loss to Sweden yesterday at the IIHF World Hockey Championship, leaving open the possibility that it will see the Russians as soon as the quarter-finals.

NHL A person within the NHL says Nicklas Backstrom has

agreed to a new contract with the Washington Capitals. The person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team has yet to announce the deal.

F1 Mark Webber won the Monaco Grand Prix from pole position yesterday to lead a

Red Bull 1-2 finish at the famous street race. Webber's fourth career win moved him top of the Formula One standings ahead of teammate Sebastian Vettel. who overtook Robert Kubica of Renault from the start and finished 0.4 seconds behind. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Niemi, Byfuglien help Hawks sink Sharks

(Chicago leads series 1-0)

Blackhawks 2 Sharks 1





Antti Niemi might finally be putting to rest all those questions about whether he is the Chicago Blackhawks' weak link.

Niemi made 44 saves, Dustin Byfuglien scored the tiebreaking goal with 6:45 remaining in regulation to help Chicago get off to a fast start for a change this post-season by beating the San Jose Sharks 2-1 yesterday in the opener of the

Western Conference final. "He's been good for us all year," forward Kris Vertseeg said. "Everyone seemed to

be doubting him except us. We're confident in him. We have to give him a lot more help than we did tonight.

Niemi stopped almost everything that came his way in his first career game against the Sharks, helping Chicago kill four of five power plays including a 6on-4 advantage in the closing minute.

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Dalhousie University officially submitted a bid to host the 2013 and 2014 University Cup men's hockey championships before Friday's deadline.

Dal lost out to the University of New Brunswick in its bid to host the 2011 and 2012 Canadian Interuniversity Sport events. METRO HALIFAX

Family affair makes waves

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Ben Russell and Richard Dalton didn't just narrow the gap on Canada's top canoe tandem — they beat them.

Dartmouth's Russell and Halifax's Dalton made waves in Montreal on Saturday when they edged Russell's older brother, Andrew, and his partner Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny of Trois-Rivières, Que, in the C-2 1,000 metres in season-opening Canadian sprint canoe-kayak national team trials.

Ben Russell and Dalton posted a time of 3:42.954, edging out the 3:43.275 mark put up by Andrew Russell and Beauchesne-Sevigny, a duo that went to the Beijing Olympics and has been consistently the nation's best for the past four years.

Ben Russell also earned a solid third-place finish in yesterday's C-1 1,000, while Dalton won the C-1 200 on Saturday.

Dalton's win in the C-2



Dartmouth's Ben Russell, shown in a C-4 race in Dartmouth last year, was one of a number of Nova Scotians to post high finishes at the Canadian sprint canoe-kayak team trials in Montreal on the weekend.

1,000 was big, but his triumph in the 200 made a statement in a discipline that is new to the Olympics in 2012.

"In my semi, I made a few mistakes in the wind and got off balance too much," said the 2004 Athens Olympian, of the singles race. "I refocused for the final and stayed a lot more loose and concentrated on the finish line."

The team trials determine who makes the national team for a pair of World Cup events in Europe over the next month, which in turn determine who goes to the world championships in August.

Among other senior finishes, Waverley's Connor Taras was third in the men's K-1 200; Lake Echo's Genevieve Orton was second in the women's K-1 200; and Dartmouth's Jenna Marks was third in the women's C-1 200.

Nova Scotia also posted outstanding results at the junior level, with wins from Dartmouth's Jason McCoombs (men's C-1 500) and Adam Tenwolde (men's K-1 500); and Halifax's Matthew Warner (men's C-12 1,000) and Alex Irvin (women's K-1 1,000).

Junior competitors as well as some senior racers are vying for spots at the 2011 junior worlds as well as berths on the junior and under-23 teams that will compete internationally in Iune.

Canoe-Kayak Canada will announce the national team rosters today.

Anderson among Huskies to sign deal with CFL teams

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CFL Saint Mary's Huskies fullback Reed Anderson has landed with the Grey Cup champions.

The six-foot-one, 241pound converted linebacker was not selected in the CFL draft

on May 2 but signed as a free agent with the Montreal Alouettes on the weekend, his agent, Mark Maren, told Metro Halifax.

Anderson, from Barrie, Ont., was ranked ninth Reed Anderson among 10 full-

backs by TSN heading into the draft, described as "strictly a banger" who had no carries and two catches in his first year as a fullback and fourth at Saint Mary's.

Anderson wasn't the only Huskie to put pen to paper on a contract over the weekend.

Atlantic University Sport all-star punter/kicker Justin Palardy of Murray Siding, Colchester Co., inked a deal with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, who selected him in the fifth round (36th overall) of the draft

All-star offensive line-

man Adam Baboulas, meanwhile, signed with the B.C. Lions, who selected him in the sixth round (41st overall) of the draft.

Huskies free safety Saleem Borhot, meanwhile, signed last week with the Edmonton Eskimos, who drafted him

in the second round (12th overall).

The only drafted member of the Huskies who hasn't signed a contract is linebacker Karl McCartney, taken in the fifth round (38th overall) by the Calgary Stampeders.

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Aboriginal individuals aged 15 and over living off reserve saw sharper declines in employment rates during the recent labour market downturn than non-Aboriginal people, according to a Statistics Canada report. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Workology

Family medicine gains ground

A third of Canadian medical school graduates have chosen family medicine for their residences. Of the 2,438 medical students who participated in the 2010 residency match, 1,388 applied for family medicine in the first iteration. These numbers are more encouraging than the match results of 2003, when just 24 per cent of Canadian medical students made family medicine their first residency choice.

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Relax and concentrate on her voice



ost of our images of what a hypnotist does come from bad TV — but in the right hands, this technique is not about making people "very sleepy" so they can squawk like chickens.

For Edmonton social worker Terri Cooper, it's a powerful but simple technique that helps people change things in their lives.

Cooper, now 43, was always a natural at counselling others. "I was one of those teenagers that everyone brought their problems to." She studied social work at the Edmonton campus of the University of Alberta.

For more than a decade, she worked with families in crisis. It was difficult work, especially since few wanted her advice. "It's hard to

"I was one of those teenagers that everyone brought their problems to."

Hypnotist Terri Cooper

work with people who don't really want to see you."

Cooper wanted to help people in a more empowering way. While she was flipping through the want ads six years ago, she saw an advertisement for a twoday course on hypnosis.

The basics she learned showed her the technique had a lot of potential — and made her realize she needed to learn more. So Cooper began taking more courses in hypnosis and a psychotherapy technique called neuro-linguistic programming.

Cooper then quit her job and opened a private practice, offering hypnotherapy and social work counselling.

Most clients come to her with a short-term goal of changing a behaviour like quitting smoking, improving body image or increasing their confidence.

Cooper begins with an assessment to find out her

client's goals and to make sure they don't need more intensive therapy for a serious mental health issue.

At the first session, Cooper tries to get her patients to talk about what they want. She gives then homework, asking them to put these plans into writing.

Session two involves actual hypnosis. To induce the relaxed but aware state, she varies her technique, depending the person. Some don't like to close their eyes, so she uses what's called a waking hypnosis. Many find fixed eye induction works best: They stare at something for a long time, listen to Cooper's voice, and count backwards.

Once hypnotized, Cooper incorporates the words her client has given her to suggest a change in behaviour. She often makes CDs of her suggestions so clients can use it later at home. She also sells hypnosis MP3s on her website.

The **Lowdown**

Job title: Hypnotist
Salary: \$30,000 to \$200,000
Education/training: Various
courses, there's no regulatory
body governing the practice
Best Part of the Job: "Empowering people by giving them
a tool they can work with."
Worst Part of the Job: "Noshows."

Cooper believes the hypnotic state is not magical or strange. We do it all the time when we concentrate or when we're driving. Since our minds are highly suggestible in this state, it is an important time to suggest to ourselves new ideas

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



Social worker Terri Cooper, not pictured here, says the stereotype of hypnotists making people 'very sleepy' is off the mark.



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Bret Michaels is set to return to the stage a little more than a month after suffering a brain hemorrhage. His representative announced Friday that the rocker and reality star would perform at the Hard Rock Live in Biloxi, Miss., on May 28. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Baby No. 3

German supermodel Claudia
Schiffer and her husband,
British film producer and
director Matthew Vaughn, have
welcomed their third child — a
bahy dirl. THE ASOCIATED PRESS

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Gulf city saying no to Sex sequel

Carrie & co. may be too racy for Emirates

Troubled relationships are nothing new for Sex and the City story lines. But this one takes it to a different level: a possible snub from the Gulf city that plays the exotic back-

drop for the movie sequel.
Less than two weeks before the release of Sex and
the City 2, it's unclear
whether the film will be
shown in oil-rich Abu
Dhabi — the scripted setting where Carrie and her
chic New York posse swap
their Jimmy Choos for san-

dals and kick some sand at Middle Eastern traditions. It's already been a rocky

rapport. Emirates' officials turned down a request to film on location, forcing the crew to head to Morocco and recreate the Abu Dhabi setting. In 2008, the original Sex and the City film was not shown in the United Arab Emirates, where censors routinely remove scenes such as kissing, nudity and expletives from movies and television shows.

And Shooting Stars, the UAE representatives for distributor Warner Bros., said Emirates officials have still not made a decision about bringing the film to cinemas in the Gulf state after its May 27 release date.

The National Media Council, responsible for



Moroccan locations pose as the Gulf city of Abu Dhabi in Sex And The City 2.

oversight of films and other media in the UAE, declined to comment. The film exposes some of the complexities for Gulf cities trying to compete on

the international stage. Abu Dhabi has aggressively marketed itself as an emerging hub for film studios and production companies. But there's a high sensitivity about plots perceived as too racy or politically charged.

The UAE's refusal to participate in the film reflects a desire to "control their

Leila Hudson, graduate director of Near Eastern studies at the University of Arizona.

brand,"

"To the Emiratis, that 'city' in the (movie) title sounds like it's referring — logically enough — to their Abu Dhabi rather than New York. That's a little too in your face," Hudson said.

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Law & Order will end its historic 20-season run on May 24.

Law & Order cancelled

TV The venerable police-courtroom drama Law & Order has been axed.

NBC announced Friday that the show would end its historic 20-season run on May 24, with a season finale that was never meant to bring the saga to a close.

The show starred an ensemble cast currently consisting of Jeremy Sisto, Anthony Anderson, Linus Roache, Alana De La Garza, Sam Waterston and S. Epatha Merkerson, who, unrelated to the show's abrupt cancellation, had already announced she was moving on.

Even as it issued a death sentence for the original Law & Order, NBC announced a new drama in the Law & Order franchise called LOLA (Law & Order: Los Angeles'). Premiering this fall, LOLA is described as a procedural crime dra-

ma "that will follow the theme and storylines similar to the Law & Orderbrand series on the streets of Los Angeles." Casting for the show is under way, the network said.

NBC also will renew Law & Order: Special Victims Unit for a 12th season.

The sudden end of Law & Order could be explained by sagging ratings and creative fatigue, but its renewal had been widely expected nonetheless. Then, on Thursday, a flurry of reports declared the series to be doomed. NBC refused to confirm the reports. Negotiations were said to be continuing late Thursday.

Jeff Gaspin, chairman of NBC Universal Television, praised Law & Order creator-producer Dick Wolf and said it "will continue to make an impact like no other series before."

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Woody has eyes Cate and Reese

A note to Cate Blanchett and Reese Witherspoon: Woody Allen has his eye on you. "These are two actresses that I would like to work with, because I think they're both very talented," Allen said at the Cannes Film Festival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Glee cast kicks off tour

School's out, but the Glee kids haven't stopped believin'.

The cast making up the popular Fox show's band of singing teen pariahs launched its four-city tour Saturday in Phoenix, anxious to bring the theatrics of a major network show to a relatively smaller stage.

While the show's battling adults, played by Jane Lynch and Matthew Morrison, were not part of the stage production, their absence was filled by taped messages to the audience. After an opening act by the excellent dance troupe Legion of Extraordinary Dancers, Lynch took to the screens snarling that the night's entertainment was about to make the audience ill.

"You will be barfing," she promised on-screen as backup dancers in Cheerios uniforms passed out airsickness bags.

It was the start of an evening that only a fan would appreciate, or even comprehend. Casual or non-viewers who paid upward of \$75 per seat surely wondered why they spent



The cast of the popular television show Glee perform during a concert to kickoff a national Glee tour Saturday in Phoenix.

so much to see costumes mostly comprised of colour-co-ordinated street clothes, or a backdrop of bleachers made to resemble a music classroom. Or perhaps pondered why the set list, which ran the gamut from Top 40s R&B to musical theatre to rock anthems, seemed so wildly disjointed.

The connecting spirit of the show was deeply rooted in fan appreciation, starting with a list of song

favourites from the TV show and going all the way to the cast's dash through

an ecstatic crowd as Lea Michele, in character as glee club co-captain Rachel Berry, belted out Don't Rain on My Parade.

"This whole thing kind of feels like a big 'Thank you' to the fans because they have made the show such a success so quickly and so early on," Kevin McHale, who plays the wheelchair-bound Artie, told The Associated Press 'So this is like giving back."

But while the cast is happy to give the show's rabid fans, who call themselves Gleeks, what they want, it also served up reminders that actors are behind the characters. When Corey Monteith drums during Mark Salling's Sweet Caroline, Salling announces the talent as Monteith's, instead of that of his character Finn.

It's a confusion revisited throughout, as the cast slips in and out of character. Heather Morris offers a few hilarious observations as ditsy cheerleader Brittany, but they're in sharp contrast to her expert dance moves.

Those impressed by the power in Amber Riley's voice also would be surprised that she sounds much softer, much sweeter in person. Her live performance of Christina Aguilera's Beautiful lacked the strength of her recorded cover, though it eventually showed up in the empowering Bust Your Windows. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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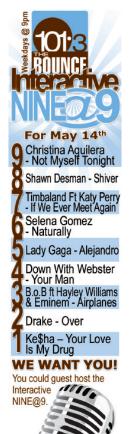
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Chuck (Zachary Levi) asks Morgan (Joshua Gomez) to assist him with a side mission, which is complicated enormously when Chuck's dad (Scott Ba kula) returns and learns that his son downloaded the Intersect 2.0. Yvonne Strahovski, Adam Baldwin and Rvan McPartlin also star in the new episode "Chuck Versus the Living Dead." 9 PM on NBC



Romantically Challenged
Lisa (Kelly Stables) finally manages to persuade Rebecca
(Alyssa Milano) to have her
first one-night stand, but Rebecca violates protocol for these
things by calling the guy, Leo,
the morning after. Overworked
Perry irritates his unemployed Perry irritates his unemployed roommate, Shawn , in the new episode "Rebecca's One Night Stand." 10:32 PM on ABC

Castle
Castle and Beckett (Nathan Fil-Castle and Beckett (Nathan Fillion, Stana Katic) investigate what seems to be the assassination of an intelligence operative. Beckett's romance with Demining (guest star Michael Trucco) strains her relationship with Castle, forcing the two to con-front their true feelings for each other. 11 PM on ABC



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Ackles & Harris tie the knot

It's a match made in CW heaven. Supernatural star Jensen Ackles and longtime girlfriend, One Tree Hill actress Danneel Harris, got married Saturday in Dallas, People magazine has confirmed. METRO NEWS SERVICES

"They're struggling to see eye-to-eye on almost

anything. From when to

start a family — he's ready, but she isn't — to her

smoking and what she sees

as his reckless motorcycle

riding. What's making

matters worse is that their

busy careers are keeping them apart, so they get re-

ally out of sync. It's gotten

so bad that neither of

them is hurrying home

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Celebrity Buzz

Bieber avoids Miley questions on Ellen

BIEBER ASSURES US HE'S PLAY-ING THE FIELD Justin Bieber's no one woman guy, but that probably doesn't bother Milev Cyrus.

People.com reports the tween sensation wiggled his way out of answering questions about dating Cyrus during a recent taping of The Ellen DeGeneres Show. "I'm dating around, hanging out with girls but not really dating," Bieber

says.
"Like hanging around with Miley Cyrus?" asks Ellen as she shows a picture of the two singers walking

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side-by-side. A smiling and seemingly blushing Bieber quickly responds, "just like hanging around with peo-

Bieber and Cyrus were snapped last week having dinner in West Hollywood, but the 16-year-old tried to convince that other girls are in the picture. "If you look on the Internet you'll see other girls that hang

out with," he says.

Later in the interview, set to air today, DeGeneres lets Bieber talk about what he's becoming best known for besides making teenage girls swoon — his hair.

Bieber says it takes him just minutes to put together his signature look. "Like, five minutes. Like, seriously. People are al-ways like, 'yeah, right.' I get out of the shower I blow dry it and then it's done in like, five minutes," he says.

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Looking for balance

CAREER SUCCESS DOESN'T MEAN MARRIAGE SUCCESS Ryan Reynolds and Scarlett Johansson reportedly can't find a balance between their successful careers. and it could mean their marriage, according to the National Enquirer.

"Nothing is going to change unless Scarlett and Ryan can learn to compromise — and they won't. Scarlett won't cancel anything she has coming up or wants to go to, and neither



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@iamdiddy So tired! @ladygaga Taking a break today, in bed with mommy having glass of wine waiting for sis to get home. Just us italian girls running the house tonight

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Law and Miller set to tie the knot



The couple — who rekindled their romance last

year after they split in 2006 after Law cheated on Miller with his children's nanny are keen to tie the knot and are set to be planning a "bohemian-style" wedding in Gloucestershire, UK, lat-

A source told the Mail on Sunday newspaper: "They don't want to jinx things by talking about it, but they have told their nearest and dearest." METRO WORLD NEWS



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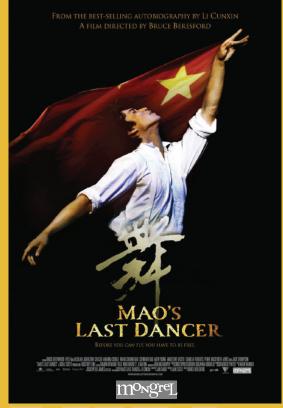
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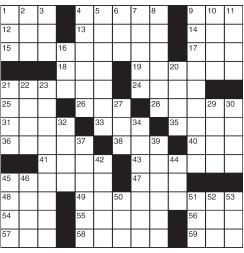




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Take Five



Speedy Two-bean Chili

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp olive oil 1 large onion, halved and sliced 1 fresh red chili, seeded

and chopped 398 ml can no-salt-added chopped tomatoes

1 tbsp chili sauce 2 tbsp low-sodium tomato ketchup 2 cups low-sodium chick-

en or vegetable broth 1 tbsp chopped parsley 1 tbsp chopped fresh oregano

398 ml can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed 398 ml can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed 1 cup frozen corn, thawed Salt and pepper to taste 1/2 cup light sour cream 2 tbsp snipped fresh

chives Fresh oregano leaves (garnish)

METHOD:

1. Heat oil in large skillet. Add onion and chili, and cook over medium heat,

stirring occasionally, until onion is lightly browned, 5 minutes

2. Stir in tomatoes with their juice, chili sauce, ketchup, broth, parsley and oregano, with seasoning to taste. Bring to boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

3. Add kidney and cannellini beans and corn. Simmer for 10 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, mix sour cream with snipped chives. Taste chili for seasoning and adjust if necessary. Serve chili sprinkled with oregano leaves and offer sour-cream mixture separately.

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Even if the news you are confronted with today is bad you are tough enough and smart enough to deal with it.

LIBRA

Start the week slowly and don't be in too much of a hurry to get things done. Your best course of action is to let others take the important decisions.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

Make an effort to talk to people and find out what they are thinking. Not only will you make new friends but you could learn something.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
You don't have to suffer fools, and you certainly don't have to waste your time on people who are too slow to take advantage of new opportunities.

GEMINI

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MAY 22-JUNE 21

On the web

No. I'M NOT STUCK!

JUST A FEW MORE

PAYMENTS AND THIS TAR PIT IS MINE!

If you find yourself at odds with someone in authority today there is no point arguing be-cause even if the facts are on your side the power is on theirs.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
Something needs to be said and it needs to be said now, this very moment. Don't worry that someone you love may not much like your message.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

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Start thinking about your next big move. You will find it easier to get your way this week and you can have your freedom if that's what you want.

CAPRICORN

Your mind is operating on a much higher level than usual and some of your ideas will be genius. Make sure no one steals them from you though.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You could easily say too much and let slip confidential information over the next 24 hours so think before you open your mouth

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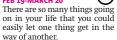
You will come up with an ingenious solution to a long-standing problem today and everyone will be impressed.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

Go out of your way to be nice today, even to people you don't

usually get along with. You may be surprised how easy it is to influence them

PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20



This day in history

1792: The New York Stock Exchange is formed.

1875: Aristides wins the first Kentucky Derby. 1973: Watergate scandal: Hearings begin in the United States Senate and are televised.

1997: Troops of Laurent Kabila march into Kinshasa. Zaire is officially renamed Democratic Republic Of

Congo 2007: Trains from North and South Korea cross the 38th Parallel in a test-run agreed by both governments. This is the first time that trains have

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